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1. DISCUSSION WITH KASHIRAHAMWE ABOUT HIS FORTHCOMING
LEADER GRANT

TRIP TO U.S. HAS PRODUCED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. HE WILL ARRIVE AT DULLES DURING AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 25,
FOR THREE TO FOUR WEEK TOUR, DEPENDING ON ARRANGEMENTS. FROM
WASHINGTON, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEW YORK, THEN HEAD TO MIDDLE
WEST AND PACIFIC COAST, RETURNING VIA LOUISIANA TO BRUSSELS.
HE VERY MUCH WANTS TO MAKE WESTBOUND TRIP VIA GREYHOUND
BUS, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD EXCHANGE PART OF BUS FOR TRAIN. REST
OF JOURNEY WOULD BE BY AIR.

B. FOR WASHINGTON STAY (3 OR 4 DAYS), CU AND AF/C
SHOULD COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS CLOSELY WITH BURUNDI AMBASSADOR
NDABANIWE, WHO IS OLD FRIEND OF KASHIRAHAMWE. IN WASHINGTON,
VISITOR SHOULD HAVE GOOD TALK WITH AF/C, PERHAPS DEPUTY ASST
SECRETARY AF JAMES, CENTRAL AFRICAN REGIONAL OFFICERS AT WORLD
BANK AND IMF, AND POSSIBLY NICKEL SPECIALISTS AT BUREAU OF
MINES IN INTERIOR. FOR PURPOSES THIS EMBASSY, WOULD ALSO BE
USEFUL IF KASHIRAHAMWE COULD GET ORIEFING ON PEACE CORPS
ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY IN COUNTRIES NEAR BURUNDI.

C. IN NEW YORK, HE SHOULD TOUCH BASE WITH U.N. PEOPLE
WHO BACKSTOP UNDP EFFORTS IN BURUNDI AND GET GENERAL IDEA OF
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U.N. INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. HE WILL WANT TO VISIT

BANK OF AMERICA OFFICE (HIS BANK HERE IS PARTLY OWNED BY BANK OF AMERICA) AND MAURICE TEMPELSMAN, WHOSE FIRM IS TAKING LEAD IN PUTTING TOGETHER CONSORTIUM TO EXPLOIT BURUNDI'S NICKEL DEPOSITS. EITHER THROUGH TEMPELSMAN, OR INDEPENDENTLY, KASHIRAHAMWE MIGHT VISIT OTHER LARGE MINING AND METALLURGICAL COMPANIES WITH NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET NEW YORK COFFEE AND TEA BUYERS, SINCE THOSE PRODUCTS ARE IMPORTANT BURUNDI EXPORTS.

D. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT STOPS HE SHOULD MAKE IN MIDDLE WEST. HE WANTS TO SEE SOME MEDIUM-SIZED CATTLE RAISING FARMS, BUT WE THINK THAT GRASS GRAZING TYPES ARE MORE RELEVANT TO BURUNDI THAN FEED LOT SYSTEM PREVALENT IN UPPER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY AND FLORIDA. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN MEDIUM SIZED MEAT PACKING AND CANNING FACILITY, AS WELL AS IN DAIRY PROCESSING PLANTS. PERHAPS IN SAME AREA, VISIT TO TANNERY AND SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED CEMENT PLANT COULD BE INCLUDED, SINCE BOTH TOUCH ON BURUNDI INTERESTS

E. KASHIRAHAMWE SHOULD SEE SOME MINING OPERATIONS IN U.S. ONLY NICKEL FACILITY OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE IS IN RIDDLE, OREGON, BUT IT IS ON MUCH SMALLER SCALE THAN PROSPECTIVE INDUSTRY IN BURUNDI, ALTHOUGH IT IS OPEN PIT, AS BURUNDI OPERATION PROBABLY WILL BE. ALTERNATIVELY SOME OTHER OPEN PIT MINE (E.G. COPPER IN UTAH) MIGHT BE VISITED.

F. IN SAN FRANCISCO, KASHIRAHAMWE WANTS TO VISIT BANK OF AMERICA HEADQUARTERS. STOP COULD ALSO BE USED FOR VISIT TO FISH CANNING FACTORY (BURUNDI CATCH FROM LAKE TANGANYIKA IS GROWING). HE ALSO WANTS TO CONSULT WITH TOURIST INDUSTRY REPS ON BOTH ORGANIZATION OF PACKAGE TOURS (LOOKING FORWARD TO OPENING OF NEW HOTEL IN BUJUMBURA NEXT YEAR) AND GENERAL TOURISM PUBLICITY. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT WHILE HE IS IN CALIFORNIA, ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT PREFER TO INCLUDE MEETINGS ON TOURISM DURING NEW YORK CITY STOPOVER.

G. VISITOR WOULD LIKE TO STOP BRIEF TIME IN LOS ANGELES, BUT HAS NO SPECIFIC GOALS IN THAT CITY. FROM THERE HE WOULD FLY TO NEW ORLEANS TO LOOK INTO SUGAR CANE GROWING AND PROCESSING.

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WHICH IS PROSPECTIVE NEW INDUSTRY IN BURUNDI. HE HAS ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE SMALL FERTILIZER WORKS IN U.S., AND GULF COAST AREA MIGHT BE SUITABLE. SIMPLE BRIEFING ON ECONOMICS OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND SALES WOULD BE USEFUL AT SAME TIME TO SHOW WHY MANUFACTURE IN BURUNDI IS IMPRACTICAL.

2. IF FOREGOING PROGRAM POSES ANY DIFFICULTIES, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT WE CAN CHECK CHANGES WITH KASHIRAHAMWE.

3. HE TELLS US THAT HIS BROTHER IN LAW, PRESIDENT
MICOMBERO, HAS TALKED ENTHUSIASTICALLY WITH HIM ABOUT MAKING
MOST OF THIS VISIT; AND, GIVEN KASHIRAHAMWE'S INFLUENCE WITH
PRESIDENT, OUTCOME COULD HAVE IMPORTANCE FOR OUR OWN PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIPS HERE. WE NOTICE FROM GRANT AUTHORIZATION ORDERS
OF LAST APRIL (WHEN WE THOUGHT KASHIRAHAMWE WOULD BE TRAVELING IN
FY-75) THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZED 40 DOLLARS PER DIEM,
BUT NOT FIRST CLASS TICKET. WE THINK LATTER WOULD BE GESTURE
MUCH APPRECIATED HERE, ALONG WITH MAXIMUM PER DIEM WHICH YOU
CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FOR HIS POSITION OS HEAD OF ONE OF THREE
BANKS IN COUNTRY, AND AS CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT.
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